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***AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111***

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the January 11, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page two (2) of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page eight (8) of this paper. Claims 13-49 are pending, with claims 13-20, 30, and 44 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page twenty (20) of this paper.